

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 2-4, *i.e.*, the Group I claims. Applicants further elect, without traverse, (a) lipoic acid. To the extent further election of a plant species is being required, Applicants elect, without traverse, (f) soybean plants.

Applicants note that the Restriction Requirement acknowledges that claim 1 is a generic linking claim linking the Group I and III claims and that the claims of both groups will be examined upon the allowability of claim 1.

Applicants further understand that the Restriction Requirement acknowledges that the claims are generic to the groupings set forth in (a)-(f). In the event this further election requirement is deemed a species election requirement, it is noted that claims 1-15 read on Group (a) and claims 1-11 on Group (f). Applicants understand that all of the groups will be examined upon the allowability of a generic linking claim.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3085 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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